

**ORANGE COUNTY
CONTINUUM OF CARE**

**FY2025 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR CONTINUUM OF
CARE BONUS, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BONUS AND
REALLOCATION PROJECTS – TRANSITIONAL HOUSING
(TH) AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ONLY (SSO)
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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Continuum of Care (CoC) Bonus, Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus and Reallocation Projects – Transitional Housing (TH) and Supportive Services Only (SSO) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Orange County CoC Program competition.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) releases an annual Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) that allows CoCs nationwide to apply for competitive funding. On November 13, 2025, HUD released the FY2025 CoC Program NOFO, which rescinds and supersedes any mention of FY 2025 CoC funds within the FY 2024 and FY 2025 CoC Program NOFO and includes some significant changes. On December 8, 2025, HUD withdrew the FY2025 CoC Program NOFO and stated the intent to reissue a modified NOFO in advance of the deadline for obligation of available FY2025 funds. On December 19, HUD released the modified FY2025 CoC Program NOFO¹ for public review. Due to a preliminary injunction, the NOFO cannot be implemented or enforced until further court order. However, the deadline for “normal track” applications, inclusive of a CoC’s renewal projects, and new TH, SSO, and HMIS projects, is listed as January 28, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. PT. The “extended track” only applies to new Permanent Housing (PH)-Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Projects and PH-Rapid Rehousing (RRH) projects, with a deadline of February 25, 2026. The FY2025 CoC Program NOFO establishes the funding criteria for communities nationwide to provide housing and services to populations experiencing homelessness. HUD is making available approximately \$3.9 billion in FY2025 for the CoC Program NOFO, including at least \$52 million available for Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Bonus (DV Bonus) projects.

The FY2025 CoC Program NOFO goals and objectives, as detailed by HUD, include:

- Improving Outcomes. CoCs should review all projects eligible for renewal under this NOFO to determine their effectiveness in reducing homelessness and increasing self-sufficiency. CoCs should prioritize projects that promote self-sufficiency, increase employment income over government assistance, and promote treatment and recovery.
- Restoring Balance to the Continuum of Care. CoCs are being asked to shift focus away from a “one size fits all” response to homelessness with a primary focus on funding Permanent Housing and create a balanced continuum of assistance. By investing in Transitional Housing and Supportive Service Only projects, HUD intends to restore the “continuum” to the Continuum of Care Program to help able-bodied people move to self-sufficiency.
- Ending the crisis of homelessness on our streets. CoCs should direct resources towards outreach, intervention, and assistance that helps people move out of unsheltered homelessness and regain self-sufficiency.
- Prioritizing Treatment and Recovery as a Means to Self-Sufficiency. CoCs should prioritize projects that provide the treatment and services people need to recover and regain self-sufficiency including on-site behavioral health treatment, robust wraparound supportive services, and participation requirements.
- Advancing Public Safety for All. CoCs should cooperate with law enforcement to advance public safety for the entire community impacted by homelessness.
- Promoting Economic Self-Sufficiency. CoCs should partner with workforce development centers, employers, childcare, and other supportive service providers to increase employment and employment income for program participants. CoCs should prioritize projects that help

¹ FY2025 CoC Program NOFO: <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/CoC/FY2025-Continuum-of-Care-YHDP-Renewal-NOFO.pdf>

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lead to long-term economic independence for individuals and families to exit homelessness to unsubsidized housing and prevent future returns to homelessness.

- Improving outcomes. CoCs should review all eligible projects to determine their effectiveness in reducing homelessness and prioritize those that promote self-sufficiency, increase employment income over government assistance, and promote treatment and recovery.
- Creating Competition to Improve Innovation and Accountability. CoCs are reminded that the Continuum of Care Program was intended to be a “national competition between geographic areas”. Competition ensures that CoCs consistently evaluate the effectiveness of their projects and invest in new projects that deliver the best results at reducing homelessness and optimizing self-sufficiency.
- Minimizing trauma for Vulnerable Populations. CoCs should encourage the use of trauma informed care, ensure participant safety in programs, especially for youth and survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
- Expanding Access Based on Merit, not Ideology. CoCs should ensure equal access to CoC programs for participants regardless of their race or other protected status. Additionally, to the fullest extent permitted by law, HUD will ensure that faith-based organizations can participate in the CoC program and operate consistent with their sincerely held religious beliefs.

The FY2025 CoC Program NOFO also highlights important information that each CoC and project applicant should consider while preparing the FY2025 CoC Application and FY2025 new project applications consistent with the requirements of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, including:

- The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 directs HUD to provide incentives to create projects that coordinate with housing providers and healthcare organizations to provide Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Rapid Rehousing (RRH) services.
- As provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2025, youth aged 24 and under must not be required to provide third-party documentation that they meet the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3 or section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act as a condition for receiving services funded under the NOFO.
- Requests for new CoC project applications are allowed if the CoC evaluates and competitively ranks projects based on how they improve the CoC's system performance as outlined in section V.B.1.a.(1) of the NOFO
- HUD will prioritize funding for CoCs that have demonstrated the capacity to reallocate funding from lower to higher performing projects
- Review and ranking of all each project application submitted to the CoC for inclusion on the FY2025 CoC Priority Listing.
- All projects must meet the project eligibility and project quality threshold requirements established by HUD

In Orange County, the CoC Board is the group of community stakeholders that set local priorities for the FY2025 CoC Program NOFO. As a result, the CoC Board, in collaboration with the County of Orange's Office of Care Coordination (County) as the Collaborative Applicant have set forth the following RFP for new projects, including transition projects, and expansion projects being funded with CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation funding and will evaluate submittals to ensure the most competitive application is put forth to HUD, consistent with HUD guidance and Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act regulations. The Orange County CoC will solicit CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation projects that focus on providing new Supportive Services Only (SSO), Supportive Services Only (SSO) Street Outreach, and Transitional Housing (TH) programs.

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CoC BONUS AND REALLOCATION FUNDING

The Orange County CoC is eligible to apply for **\$6,649,715 in CoC Bonus** funding during the FY2025 CoC Program NOFO.

The Orange County CoC may have additional funding available for new projects through the reallocation process as the CoC NOFO local competition continues, as the review and evaluation of renewal projects is still underway. As such, the total funding available for reallocation has not yet been confirmed. However, given HUD's new priority to fund Transitional Housing (TH) and Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects, no more than 30 percent of a CoC's ARD will be allowed to fund Permanent Housing Projects, including Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Rapid Re-housing (RRH) and Joint Transitional Housing and Permanent Housing/Rapid Re-housing (Joint TH-PH/RRH) projects. As such, an estimated \$21 million that currently funds Permanent Housing projects will be reallocated.

Reallocation funds will be prioritized for current CoC-Funded agencies who voluntarily select to reallocate their Renewal Projects, in part or in whole, during the FY2025 CoC Program competition. CoC-Funded agencies will be prioritized for reallocation funds through this RFP consistent with the amount of funds voluntarily reallocated in support of meeting the 30 percent cap of Permanent Housing.

This RFP will be utilized to identify new projects, including transition projects, and/or expansion projects for the CoC Bonus funds available through the FY2025 CoC Program NOFO funding and any additional reallocation funds that become available. All proposed services must be new, and proposed project funding cannot replace other existing funding sources.

The Orange County CoC will only solicit CoC Bonus and Reallocation proposals for the following project types:

- Supportive Services Only (SSO) Standalone projects
- Supportive Services Only (SSO) Street Outreach projects
- Transitional Housing (TH) projects

New projects funded by the CoC Bonus and Reallocation funding must serve persons who qualify as homeless under paragraphs (1), (2), or (4) of 24 CFR 578.3 or Section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

Additional details on the requirements for each type of new project that may be funded through this RFP are detailed in the Project Types Section and related tables.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (DV) BONUS FUNDING

The Orange County CoC is eligible to apply for **\$3,060,976 in DV Bonus** funding during the FY2025 CoC Program NOFO. This RFP will be utilized to identify new projects for the DV Bonus funds that become available through the FY2025 CoC Program NOFO. All proposed services must be new, and proposed project funding cannot replace other existing funding sources.

New projects funded by the DV Bonus must serve survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that are defined as homeless (24 CFR 578.3). Applicants are encouraged to reference the amended criteria to qualifying as “homeless” when considering the eligible populations to be served

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through DV Bonus funding. For purposes of the CoC Program and other HUD programs authorized by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, section 605 of Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) 2022 amended section 103(b) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to require HUD to consider as homeless: any individual or family who—

- is experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to, or fleeing or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous, traumatic, or life-threatening conditions related to the violence against the individual or a family member in the individual's or family's current housing situation, including where the health and safety of children are jeopardized;
- has no other safe residence; and
- lacks the resources to obtain other safe permanent housing.

New projects funded through the DV Bonus must exclusively serve households who qualify as survivors of domestic violence. Per the FY2025 CoC Program NOFO, new projects proposed and funded through the DV Bonus cannot exclusively serve people fleeing or attempting to flee human trafficking but may serve this segment of the population as part of the total population to be served. Additionally, the FY 2025 CoC Program NOFO does not allow for new Joint TH-RRH project applications to be submitted.

The Orange County CoC will only solicit DV Bonus proposals for the following project type:

- Transitional Housing (TH) projects

Additional details on the requirements for new TH projects that may be funded through this RFP are detailed in the Project Types Section and related tables.

PROJECT TYPES

The above sections of CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Funding details the eligible project types under the FY2025 RFP for CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Projects – TH and SSO. Generally, eligible costs under the regular CoC competition apply in the FY2025 CoC Program NOFO, as detailed in 24 CFR 578.37 through 578.63. The Orange County CoC will reject any request for ineligible costs and will reject any projects that request funds for acquisition, new construction, or rehabilitation. All proposed services must be new, and proposed project funding cannot replace other existing funding sources.

Supportive Services Only (SSO) Standalone

Supportive Services Only (SSO) Standalone projects provide supportive services to sheltered and/or unsheltered homeless persons and families and providing referrals to other housing or other necessary services—to families and individuals experiencing homelessness. All SSO projects, except those dedicated to coordinated entry, must meet the threshold criteria in section V.A.4.b.(5)(b) of the NOFO. The Orange County CoC will solicit SSO Standalone proposals that are open for all populations, address immediate needs for people experiencing homelessness or support people towards permanent housing.

Category	SSO Standalone
Threshold	Must receive at least 4 out of the 5 points available, as outlined in section V.A.4.b.(5)(b) of the NOFO.
Eligible Applicants	Nonprofits, government entities, public housing authorities, faith-based organizations

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Eligible Participants	Persons who qualify as homeless under paragraph (3) of 24 CFR 578.3
Eligible Activities/ Expenses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition, Rehabilitation, or Leasing of a space to provide supportive services, • HMIS, • Project Administration, and • Supportive Services. Eligible supportive services include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Annual Assessment of Services ○ Moving costs ○ Case management ○ Childcare ○ Education services ○ Employment assistance and job ○ Food ○ Housing search and counseling services ○ Legal services ○ Life skills training ○ Mental health services ○ Outpatient health services ○ Substance abuse treatment services ○ Transportation ○ Utility deposits • Reference 24 CFR 578.37 - 578.63
Supportive Services	Grant funds may be used for supportive services listed as eligible under 24 CFR 578.53
Grant Term	Only one (1) year grant terms will be considered, to maximize available funding.
Timeliness	The obligation deadline for FY2025 funds is expected to be September 30, 2027. Applicants must start programs in a timely manner following award.
Match	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must at minimum be equal to 25 percent of total grant request. Match can be cash or in-kind and must be spent on eligible project costs. • 24 CFR 578.73 provides the information regarding match requirements.
HMIS	Must agree to participate in the Orange County HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) or comparable database if qualified victim service provider.
Coordinated Entry System	Must agree to participate in Orange County Coordinated Entry System.

Supportive Services Only (SSO) Street Outreach

Supportive Services Only (SSO) Street Outreach projects outreach activities as described at 24 CFR 578.53(e)(13) to individuals and families primarily residing in places not meant for human habitation. These projects must meet the project quality threshold criteria in section V.A.4.b.(5)(c) of the NOFO.. The Orange

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County CoC will solicit SSO Street Outreach proposals that are open for all populations and have a regional² approach.

Category	SSO Street Outreach
Threshold	Must receive at least 5 out of the 6 points available, as outlined in section V.A.4.b.(5)(c) of the NOFO.
Eligible Applicants	Nonprofits, government entities, public housing authorities, faith-based organizations
Eligible Participants	Persons who qualify as homeless under paragraph (3) of 24 CFR 578.3
Eligible Activities/ Expenses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition, Rehabilitation, or Leasing of a space to provide supportive services, • HMIS, • Project Administration, and • Supportive Services. Eligible supportive services include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Annual Assessment of Services ○ Moving costs ○ Case management ○ Childcare ○ Education services ○ Employment assistance and job ○ Food ○ Housing search and counseling services ○ Legal services ○ Life skills training ○ Mental health services ○ Outpatient health services ○ Substance abuse treatment services ○ Transportation ○ Utility deposits • Reference 24 CFR 578.37 - 578.63
Supportive Services	Grant funds may be used for supportive services listed as eligible under 24 CFR 578.53
Grant Term	Only one (1) year grant terms will be considered, to maximize available funding.
Timeliness	The obligation deadline for FY2025 funds is expected to be September 30, 2027. Applicants must start programs in a timely manner following award.
Match	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must at minimum be equal to 25 percent of total grant request. Match can be cash or in-kind and must be spent on eligible project costs. • 24 CFR 578.73 provides the information regarding match requirements.

² “Regional” refers to a geographic area broader than one specific city, such as a Service Planning Area (SPA) or the entirety of the county. However, a city specific project proposal may be considered for funding so long there is a clear intent to collaborate and coordinate with other service providers in the region.

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HMIS	Must agree to participate in the Orange County HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) or comparable database if qualified victim service provider.
Coordinated Entry System	Must agree to participate in Orange County Coordinated Entry System.

Transitional Housing (TH)

Transitional Housing (TH) provides temporary housing with supportive services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness with the goal of interim stability and support to successfully move to and maintain permanent housing. TH projects must meet the project quality threshold criteria in section V.A.4.b.(5)(a) of the NOFO. The Orange County CoC will solicit TH project proposals that are open to all populations and household types.

Category	Transitional Housing
Threshold	Must receive at least 7 out of 10 points available, as outlined in section V.A.4.b.(5)(a) of the NOFO.
Eligible Applicants	Nonprofits, government entities, public housing authorities, faith-based organizations
Eligible Participants	<p><u>DV Bonus</u>: Persons fleeing domestic violence situations and other person meeting the criteria of paragraph (4) of the HUD definition of homeless as amended by section 605 of Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) 2022.</p> <p><u>CoC Bonus and Reallocation</u>: Persons who qualify as homeless under paragraph (3) of 24 CFR 578.3</p> <p>All Participants in a TH project must have a signed lease, sublease, or occupancy agreement with the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An initial term of at least one month • Automatically renewable upon expiration, except by prior notice by either party • A maximum term of 24 months
Eligible Activities/ Expenses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leasing Assistance • Rental Assistance (6 - 24 months) • Supportive Services • HMIS • Project Administrative Costs • Reference 24 CFR 578.37 - 578.63
Supportive Services	<p>Grant funds may be used for any supportive service listed as eligible under 24 CFR 578.53.</p> <p>Participants in a TH Project must participate in 40 hours of supportive services weekly. All TH projects must have participation agreements signed by participants outlining the service participation requirements. Services can include any combination of the following, conducted in</p>

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	<p>person, virtually, or through independent completion of online training programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case Management • Employment Services, including Job Search and Training • Life Skills • Employment Hours • Education • Mental Health Counseling • Recovery and Treatment programs • Accessing Public Benefits • Interest Groups • Community Events
Grant Term	Only one (1) year grant terms will be considered, to maximize available funding.
Timeliness	The obligation deadline for FY2025 funds is expected to be September 30, 2027. Applicants must start programs in a timely manner following award.
Match	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must at minimum be equal to 25 percent of total grant request. Match can be cash or in-kind and must be spent on eligible project costs. • 24 CFR 578.73 provides the information regarding match requirements.
HMIS	Must agree to participate in the Orange County HMIS or comparable database if qualified victim service provider.
Coordinated Entry	Must agree to participate in Orange County Coordinated Entry System.

PROPOSAL MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

HUD Threshold Requirements

The FY2025 CoC Program NOFO requires all project applicants to meet threshold requirements as listed in Sections V.A.4.a. and V.A.4.b.:

- a. **Ineligible Applicants.** HUD will not consider a project application from an ineligible project applicant.
- b. **Project Eligibility Threshold.** HUD will review all projects to determine if the projects meet the following eligibility threshold requirements on a pass/fail standard.
 1. Project applicants and potential subrecipients must meet the eligibility requirements of the CoC Program as described in the Act and the Rule and provide evidence of eligibility required in the application (e.g., nonprofit documentation).
 2. Project applicants and subrecipients must demonstrate the financial and management capacity and experience to carry out the project as detailed in the project application and the capacity to administer federal funds. Demonstrating capacity may include a description of the applicant and subrecipient experience with similar projects and with successful administration of SHP, S+C, or CoC Program funds or other federal, state, local, or private resources.
 3. Project applicants must submit the required certifications specified in this NOFO.

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4. The population to be served must meet program eligibility requirements as described in the Act, the Rule, and section III.G.10 of the NOFO.
5. Project applicants, except Collaborative Applicants that only receive awards for CoC Planning costs and, if applicable, UFA Costs, must agree to participate in a local HMIS system. However, in accordance with Section 407 of the Act, any victim service provider that is a recipient or subrecipient must not disclose, for purposes of HMIS, any personally identifying information about any client. Victim service providers must use a comparable database that meets the needs of the local HMIS.
6. Project applicants must certify affirmatively to the following:
 - i. The project applicant will not engage in racial preferences or other forms of illegal discrimination.
 - ii. The project applicant will not operate drug injection sites or “safe consumption sites,” knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia on or off of property under their control, permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control, or conduct any of these activities under harm reduction.

c. **Project Quality Threshold.** HUD will review all new project applications to determine if they meet the following project quality threshold requirements HUD will not award funds to a new project unless the project was created through reallocation, or the CoC has demonstrated to HUD’s satisfaction that projects are evaluated and ranked based on the degree to which they improve the CoC’s system performance. As indicated on V.A.4.b. (page 54) of the FY2025 CoC Program NOFO, HUD will assess all new projects for the following minimum project eligibility, capacity, timeliness, and performance standards. To be considered as meeting project quality threshold, all new projects must meet the following criteria:

1. Project applicants and potential subrecipients must have satisfactory capacity, drawdowns, and performance for existing grant(s) funded under the CoC Program, as evidenced by timely reimbursement of subrecipients, regular drawdowns, and timely resolution of any monitoring findings; however, this does not apply to project applicants who have never received a CoC Program funded project
2. Project applicants must demonstrate their ability to meet all timeliness standards per 24 CFR 578.85. HUD reserves the right to deny a funding request for a new project, if the request is made by an existing recipient that HUD finds to have significant issues related to capacity, performance, unresolved audit, or monitoring findings related to one or more existing grants; or does not routinely draw down funds from eLOCCS at least once per quarter. HUD also reserves the right to withdraw funds if no APR is submitted on the prior grant.

HUD reserves the right to verify past performance and evaluate the eligibility of a project application submitted during the CoC Program Competition for the following reasons:

- (a) evidence that the project has previously or currently conducts activities that subsidize or facilitate racial preferences or other forms of illegal discrimination or conduct activities that rely on or otherwise use a definition of sex other than as binary in humans.
- (b) evidence that the project operates drug injection sites or “safe consumption sites,” knowingly distributes drug paraphernalia on or off of property under their control, permits the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control, or conducts any of these activities under the pretext of “harm reduction.”

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Additionally, the following minimum criteria must be met for new project applications.

a. Supportive Services Only (SSO) Standalone

As indicated in pages 57 and 58 of the FY2025 CoC Program NOFO, new SSO Standalone projects must receive at least four (4) out of the five (5) points available for SSO Standalone. Projects that do not receive at least four (4) points will be rejected:

1. The Supportive Services project is necessary to assist people in exiting homelessness and increasing self-sufficiency and the Recipient will conduct an annual assessment of the service needs of the program participants (1 point)
2. The proposed project has a strategy for providing supportive services to eligible program participants including those with histories of unsheltered homelessness and those who do not traditionally engage with supportive services (1 point)
3. Whether the proposed project has a specific plan for ensuring program participants will be individually assisted to obtain the benefits of mainstream health, social, and employment programs, for which they are eligible to apply, that meet the needs of program participants (e.g., Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, Food Stamps, local Workforce office, early childhood education) (1 point)
4. The project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP (1 point)
5. The services provided are cost-effective consistent with 2 CFR 200.404 (1 point)

b. Supportive Services Only (SSO) Street Outreach

As indicated in pages 58 and 59 of the FY2025 CoC Program NOFO, new SSO Street Outreach projects must receive at least five (5) out of the six (6) points available for SSO Street Outreach. Projects that do not receive at least five (5) points will be rejected:

1. The project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP (1 point)
2. The proposed project has a strategy for providing supportive services to eligible program participants including those with histories of unsheltered homelessness and those who do not traditionally engage with supportive services (2 points)
3. Demonstrate that the applicant has a history of partnering with first responders and law enforcement to engage people living in places not meant for human habitation to access emergency shelter, treatment programs, reunification with family, transitional housing or independent living. The applicant must cooperate, assist, and not interfere or impede with law enforcement to enforce local laws such as public camping and public drug use laws (1 point)
4. The applicant has experience providing outreach services consistent with the activity description at 24 CFR 578.53(e)(13) and has demonstrated effectiveness at helping people successfully exit from places not meant for human habitation to emergency shelter, treatment programs, transitional housing or permanent housing programs (1 point)
5. The services provided are cost-effective consistent with 2 CFR 200.404. (1 point)

c. Transitional Housing (TH)

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As indicated in pages 55 through 57 of the FY2025 CoC Program NOFO, new TH projects must receive at least seven (7) out of the ten (10) points available for TH projects. Projects that do not receive at least seven (7) points will be rejected:

1. Demonstrate that the project will provide and/or partner with other organizations to provide eligible supportive services that are necessary to assist program participants to obtain and maintain housing (2 points)
2. The applicant has prior experience operating transitional housing or other projects that have successfully helped homeless individuals and families exit homelessness within 24 months (1 point)
3. The applicant has previously operated or currently operates transitional housing or another homelessness project, or has a plan in place to ensure, that at least 50 percent of participants exit to permanent housing within 24 months and at least 50 percent of participants exit with employment income as reflected in HMIS or another data system used by the applicant (1 point)
4. The project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP (1 point)
5. Demonstrate that the proposed project will require program participants to take part in supportive services (e.g. case management, employment training, substance use treatment, etc.) in line with 24 CFR 578.75(h) by attaching a supportive service agreement (contract, occupancy agreement, lease, or equivalent) (2 points)
6. Demonstrate that the proposed project will provide 40 hours per week of customized services for each participant (e.g. case management, employment training, substance use treatment, etc.). The 40 hours per week may be reduced proportionately for participants who are employed. The 40 hours per week does not apply to participants over age 62 or who have a physical disability/impairment or a developmental disability (24 CFR 582.5) not including substance use disorder (2 points)
7. Demonstrate the average cost per household served for the project is reasonable, consistent with 2 CFR 200.404. (1 point)

RFP REVIEW, SCORING AND SELECTION PROCESS

Applicants responding to this RFP must submit materials as described in this document. Proposals will be valid for a period of at least three hundred sixty-five (365) calendar days from the closing date and time of receipt. **Applications that are late, incomplete, or substantially deficient will not be advanced to the Project Proposal Review Panel (Panel) for scoring.** All proposals will be reviewed to ensure the HUD threshold requirements and quality standards are met. Any correctable deficiencies will be identified, and selected applicants will have the opportunity to submit corrected documents before the final CoC application is submitted to HUD.

The CoC will convene an unbiased Panel to review each proposal that passes the HUD Threshold Requirements. Any member of the CoC who is preparing and/or submitting a proposal or is affiliated with an organization that is making a proposal will not participate in the review, scoring, selection and/or ranking process or otherwise influence those that are ranking the applications.

The Panel will receive the proposals and scoring instructions in advance of the consensus meeting. The County will hold one meeting with the Panel to review and average their scores and arrive at a decision

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about which proposal(s) to recommend for funding. Should there be a need for clarification, the Panel may call in high performing applicants for a Question-and-Answer Session. This session is at the discretion of the Panel. In keeping with HUD requirements, the Panel will also assign a ranked order to all proposal(s) that will be recommended to HUD for funding. The Panel will also recommend which proposal(s) should be submitted as the CoC Bonus, DV Bonus, and Reallocation projects. The Panel may also recommend that recommended proposal(s) either increase or decrease their funding request to maximize the use of available CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation funds.

The final ranking of new projects as determined by the Panel will be recommended to the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc to determine their order on the Project Priority Listing submitted to HUD. The final Project Priority List will be approved by the CoC Board, as recommended by the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc. Applicants will be notified of the results no later than January 13, 2026. Any proposal(s) not selected for funding may appeal the decision by following the CoC's appeal process. Placement on the Project Priority List does not guarantee funding, as HUD will review and assess all new project applications for threshold compliance and project quality. The Panel and/or the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc may also recommend that proposal(s) either increase or decrease their funding request to maximize the use of available funds.

Applicants conditionally selected for funding by HUD will be required to provide additional information in the form of a technical submission within 30 days of notification by HUD of the project's conditional award.

Appeal Process

The CoC Board approves applications for ranking and funding recommendations to HUD. That ranking decision is communicated to all applicants by email. In all cases, the Appeals Panel has the final authority on appeals decisions.

A formal appeal must be submitted by 12:00 p.m. (noon) two (2) business days after the CoC Board decision. The appeal document must consist of a short, written statement (no longer than 2 pages) of the agency's appeal of the decision addressing the flaw in methodology or in the process used in the decision. The overall performance measurements or data are not a basis for an appeal. The statement can be in the form of a letter or a memo from an individual authorized to represent the agency (i.e., Executive Director). The appeal must be transmitted by email to Zulima Lundy (zulima.lundy@ceo.oc.gov), Felicia Boehringer (felicia.boehringer@ceo.oc.gov) and Jasmin Miranda (jasmin.miranda@ceo.oc.gov).

The Appeals Panel will be selected from the CoC Board and/or its designees. This membership of the Appeals Panel will have no conflict of interest in serving. The Appeal Panel will conduct an in-person or telephone meeting with a representative(s) of the agency who filed the appeal to discuss it, if needed. The Appeal Panel will inform appealing agencies of its decision. In all cases, the appeals panel has the final authority on appeals decisions.

Scoring and Rating Criteria³

Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects, including SSO Standalone and SSO Street Outreach projects, will be scored on a 100-point scale using the following criteria:

³ The Scoring and Rating Criteria was approved by the CoC Board at the Friday, December 5, 2025, special meeting.

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	Criterion	Points	Description of Basis for Assigning Points
1	Capacity of Applicant	Up to 10 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current relevant experience in providing services related to those in this solicitation, including evaluation of current and similar project types • Current relevant experience in effectively utilizing federal, state, and/or local funds and performing the activities proposed in the application, including satisfactory administrative practices, effective program operations and performance for existing grants
2	Applicant Service Experience and Approach	Up to 20 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant has demonstrated experience in working with target population to quickly secure housing, make connections to supportive services, and promote housing stability • For SSO Street Outreach proposals, applicant demonstrates experience of partnering with first responders and law enforcement to engage people living in places not meant for human habitation to access emergency shelter, treatment programs, reunification with family, transitional housing or independent living. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Applicant must cooperate, assist, and not interfere or impede with law enforcement to enforce local laws such as public camping and public drug use laws • For SSO Street Outreach proposals, applicant has experience providing outreach services consistent with the activity description at 24 CFR 578.53(e)(13) and has demonstrated effectiveness at helping people successfully exit from places not meant for human habitation to emergency shelter, treatment programs, transitional housing or permanent housing programs

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3	Proposed Project Service Plan and Supportive Services	Up to 30 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed project has a strategy for providing supportive services to eligible program participants including those with histories of unsheltered homelessness and those who do not traditionally engage with supportive services Proposed project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP Proposed services provided are cost-effective consistent with 2 CFR 200.404 Proposed project includes strategies to assist participants to enter emergency shelter, treatment programs, transitional housing or obtain permanent housing, increase their employment and/or income and maximum their ability to maintain self-sufficiency and live independently
4	Outcomes	Up to 20 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed performance outcomes (not outputs) that will be achieved by the project and how data will be used to measure those outcomes and determine success Proposed performance outcomes should focus on participants placement in emergency shelter, treatment programs, transitional housing or permanent housing, as well as improved quality of life, rather than measuring the amount or types of services provided (not outputs)
5	Project Readiness	Up to 5 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimated schedule for the proposed project to begin operations, including supportive services activities. Full points will be given to projects that can begin soon after grant is awarded
6	Budget and Match	Up to 15 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget is reasonable for type of project proposed, total number of households and participants to be served and clearly articulated Applicant can provide the required match of at least 25 percent and it is included and documented Applicant can demonstrate how leverage housing resources and/or health care

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			resources contribute to the overall budget of the project proposed
	Voluntary Reallocation or Transition Bonus Points	20 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bonus points are available for current CoC-Funded agencies who are proposing a transition project and/or voluntarily reallocated funding from a renewal project, in part or in whole, during the FY 2025 CoC Program Competition
Total Points		100 Maximum Points Possible ⁴	

Transitional Housing projects will be scored on a 130-point scale using the following criteria:

	Criterion	Points	Description of Basis for Assigning Points
1	Capacity of Applicant	Up to 10 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current relevant experience in providing housing and services related to those in this solicitation, including evaluation of current and similar project types Current relevant experience in effectively utilizing federal funds and performing the activities proposed in the application, including, satisfactory administrative practices, effective program operations and performance for existing grants For DV Bonus proposals, applicant has capacity of serving individuals and families of persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and their ability to house survivors and meet safety outcomes
2	Applicant Service Experience and Approach	Up to 20 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant has prior experience operating transitional housing or other projects that have successfully helped homeless individuals and families exit homelessness within 24 months Applicant has previously operated or currently

⁴ The total does not include the Voluntary Reallocation or Transition Bonus Points (20 points).

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			operates transitional housing or another homelessness project, or has a plan in place to ensure, that at least 50 percent of participants exit to permanent housing within 24 months and at least 50 percent of participants exit with employment income as reflected in HMIS or another data system used by the applicant
3	Involving Survivors with Lived Expertise⁵	Up to 20 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstration of plan to include survivors with lived expertise • Applicant practices meaningful involvement of survivors with lived expertise in program design, delivery of services and program evaluation
4	Proposed Project Service Plan and Supportive Services	Up to 30 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate that the proposed project will require program participants to take part in supportive services (e.g. case management, employment training, substance use treatment, etc.) in line with 24 CFR 578.75(h) by attaching a supportive service agreement (contract, occupancy agreement, lease, or equivalent) • Demonstrate that the proposed project will provide 40 hours per week of customized services for each participant (e.g. case management, employment training, substance use treatment, etc.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The 40 hours per week may be reduced proportionately for participants who are employed ○ The 40 hours per week does not apply to participants over age 62 or who have a physical disability/impairment or a developmental disability (24 CFR 582.5) not including substance use disorder • Proposed project will be supplemented with resources from other public or private sources, that may include mainstream health, social, and employment programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SSI, and SNAP • Proposed project includes strategies to assist participants to obtain and remain in permanent housing, increase their employment and/or income and maximum their ability to live independently

⁵ Involving Survivors with Lived Expertise only applies to DV Bonus Transitional Housing (TH) project types that are applying with DV Bonus funds.

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5	Outcomes	Up to 20 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed performance outcomes (not outputs) that will be achieved by the project and how data will be used to measure those outcomes and determine success. Proposed performance outcomes should focus on participants housing placement, as well as improved quality of life, rather than measuring the amount or types of services provided (not outputs).
6	Project Readiness	Up to 5 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Estimated schedule for the proposed project to begin operations, including supportive services activities. Full points will be given to projects that can begin soon after grant is awarded.
7	Budget and Match	Up to 15 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget is reasonable for type of project proposed, total number of households and participants to be served and clearly articulated, consistent with 2 CFR 200.404. Applicant can provide the required match of at least 25 percent and it is included and documented Applicant can demonstrate how leverage housing resources and/or health care resources contribute to the overall budget of the project proposed
8	Leveraging of Resources	Up to 10 points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leverage Housing Resources (up to 5 points) – Project demonstrates that it will provide housing subsidies or subsidizing housing units not currently funded through the CoC or Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program for at least 25 percent of the program participants anticipated to be served by the project. Full points will be given to projects that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the leveraged resources provide at least 25 percent of the units included in the project; Attach letters of commitment, contracts, or other formal written documents that demonstrate the number of units being provided to support the project. Leveraging Healthcare Resources (up to 5 points) – Project demonstrates the use of healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Full points will be given to projects that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> in the case of an organization that provides substance use disorder treatment or recovery services, the leveraged resource provides access to all participants who

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ qualify for those services; or ○ in the case of healthcare or behavioral health resources, the value of assistance being provided is at least an amount that is equivalent to 25 percent of the funding being requested by the project. ○ Attach letters of commitment, contracts, or other formal written documents that include the value of the commitment and dates the healthcare resources will be provided.
Voluntary Reallocation or Transition Bonus Points	20 points		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bonus points are available for current CoC-Funded agencies who are proposing a transition project and/or voluntarily reallocated funding from a renewal project, in part or in whole, during the FY 2025 CoC Program Competition
Total Points	130 Maximum Points Possible ⁶		

RFP REQUIREMENTS

The RFP process will be a thorough review of an agency's:

- Capacity to administer a CoC homeless project in the Orange County CoC,
- Experience in administering similar programs as indicated in the Threshold Requirements for Agency Administrative Review of the RFP, and
- Project proposal(s) for homeless Supportive Services Only (SSO) Standalone, Supportive Services Only (SSO) Street Outreach or Transitional Housing (TH) projects and determination of how the agency and project meet HUD's threshold requirements as indicated in the FY2025 CoC Program NOFO.

The RFP process will include a comprehensive review of the following:

1. Threshold Requirements for Agency
2. Technical Requirements
3. Document Presentation Requirements
4. Required Documents

⁶ The total does not include the Voluntary Reallocation or Transition Bonus Points (20 points). CoC Bonus or Reallocation Transitional Housing (TH) project proposals will be evaluated on a 110-point scale, as CoC Bonus TH project types will not be scored on Involving Survivors with Lived Expertise.

THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS FOR AGENCY

The FY2025 RFP for CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Projects – TH and SSO will require all applicant agencies to meet the below Threshold Requirements:

1. Applicant must be an eligible entity;
2. Applicant must have financial and management capacity to carry out the project;
3. Applicant must show experience in providing services related those in this RFP;
4. Applicant must submit required certifications and documentation;
5. Applicant must commit to participate in HMIS and Coordinate Entry System; and
6. Applicant must be able to meet HUD requirements:
 - Applicant will not engage in racial preferences or other forms of illegal discrimination
 - Applicant will not conduct activities including drug injection sites or “safe consumption sites,” knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia on or off property under their control, permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control, under the pretext of “harm reduction”
 - Applicant will not conduct activities that rely on or otherwise use a definition of sex other than as binary in humans
 - Applicant will cooperate with law enforcement agencies to advance public safety for the entire community impacted by homelessness
7. Applicant must complete and timely submit the RFP.

Technical Requirements

1. One (1) electronic copy via Dropbox with completed Request for Proposals submittal – exhibits, attachments, and supporting documents – to be organized and separated per Document Presentation Requirements.
 - Note: Do not submit all Exhibits and Attachments as one condensed file. Each Exhibit and Attachment should be labeled as a separate file.
 - Dropbox Instructions:
 - i. Create a Dropbox account.
 - ii. Click [here](#) to view instructions on how to use Dropbox or visit <https://learn.dropbox.com/self-guided-learning/dropbox-fundamentals-course/how-to-use-dropbox>
 - iii. Option 1: Share files via Dropbox link to the following email addresses:
 1. CareCoordination@ceo.oc.gov
 2. felicia.boehringer@ceo.oc.gov
 3. jasmin.miranda@ceo.oc.gov
 - iv. Option 2: Copy the Dropbox link to the files and paste it into an email to the above email addresses.

Document Presentation Requirements

1. No late submissions will be accepted.
2. All sections must be numbered separately in accordance with the Document Checklist.
3. Most recent documentation must be submitted for each exhibit and attachment.
4. Do not leave any blank responses without an explanation (e.g., if the question is not applicable, indicate N/A).
5. All documents with a signature block must be signed by the authorized representative(s).

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6. All required documents must be included and legible in the submission. Note, if e-snaps application has not been released by HUD prior to the RFP submission deadline, the application will not be marked incomplete. Export of e-snaps and related attachments, however, must be submitted for review no later than January 15, 2026, pending release of project application on e-snaps platform.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents must be submitted for all new projects and expansion projects. This is applicable to Current CoC-Funded Agencies too.

- **New Projects and Expansion Projects Documents Checklist**
- **Exhibit 4: Project Information Form**
 - Attachment 7:** Certificate of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan
 - Attachment 8:** Environmental Information – Limited Scope Environmental Review Form or Environmental Review of Categorically Excluded not Subject to Section 58.5 or Environmental Clearance Letter
 - Attachment 9:** 25% Match Documentation – Including letter of match commitment and/or in-King Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
- **Exhibit 5: Capacity of Applicant**
- **Exhibit 6: Service Experience and Approach**
- **Exhibit 7: Integrating Survivors with Lived Expertise**, if applicable
- **Exhibit 8: Coordination with Housing and Healthcare Resources**, if applicable
 - Attachment 10:** Housing Resources Leveraging Commitment(s)
 - Attachment 11:** Healthcare Resources Leveraging Formal Agreement(s)
- **Exhibit 9: Recovery and Supportive Services Requirement**
 - Attachment 12:** Supportive Services Agreement, if applicable
- **HUD CoC Project Application (e-snaps)⁷**

BRIEF OVERVIEW OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Project Information Form (Exhibit 4)

Exhibit 4 captures information on the proposed project to ensure that project design meets the needs of the target population as outlined in the renewal project application and the FY2025 CoC Program NOFO, as well as evaluates how the proposed project will operate within the Orange County CoC and improve outcomes for people experiencing homelessness.

Certification of Consistency with Consolidated Plan (Attachment 7)⁸

⁷ If e-snaps application has not been released by HUD prior to the RFP submission deadline, the application will not be marked incomplete. Export of e-snaps and related attachments, however, must be submitted for review no later than January 15, 2026, pending release of project application on e-snaps platform.

⁸ For instructions on completing the Certification of Consistency with Consolidated Plan, visit the Orange County CoC FY2025 CoC NOFO webpage, at <https://ceo.oc.gov/fy2025cocnofo>.

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Each agency must submit a certification by the jurisdiction in which the renewal project(s) will be located that the agency's application for funding is consistent with the jurisdiction's HUD-approved Consolidated Plan. The certification must be made in accordance with the provisions of the Consolidated Plan regulations at 24 CFR part 91, subpart F. Form HUD-2991 must be completed and dated between November 1, 2024, and January 14, 2026, or date of submission, whichever one is the earliest date.

Environmental Reviews (Attachment 8)⁹

The Environmental Review is required by HUD to ensure the project does not negatively impact the surrounding environment and that the property itself will not have adverse environmental or health effects on occupants. All CoC Program assistance is subject to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and applicable related Federal environmental authorities. Conditional selection of projects under the CoC Homeless Assistance competition is subject to the environmental review requirements of 24 CFR 582.230, and 882.804(c) as applicable.

The County will perform the Environmental Review and once approved, will sign the environmental review documentation. The environmental review documentation is addressed per project and will be valid for the next five (5) years from the day dated.

The agency, its project partners, and their contractors may not acquire, rehabilitate, convert, lease, repair, dispose of, demolish, or construct property for a project under this NOFO, or commit or expend HUD or local funds for such eligible activities under the FY2025 CoC Program NOFO, until the responsible entity (as defined by 24 CFR 58.2(a)(7)) has completed the environmental review procedures required by 24 CFR Part 58 and the environmental certification and Request for Release of Funds have been approved or HUD has performed an environmental review under 24 CFR Part 50 and the recipient has received HUD approval of the property. HUD will not release grant funds if the recipient or any other party commits grant funds before the recipient submits and HUD approves its Request for Release of Funds (page 110 of the FY2025 CoC Program NOFO).

25% Match Documentation (Attachment 9)

All eligible funding costs, except leasing, must be matched with no less than 25% cash or in-kind contribution. No match is required for leasing activities in the budget. The match requirements apply to project administration funds, along with the traditional expenses (operations, rental assistance, supportive services, and HMIS). Match must be met on an annual basis. HUD requires match letters to be submitted with the e-snaps application and should be included in the application submittal.

For in-kind match, the applicant agency may use the value of property, equipment, goods, or services contributed to the project, provided that, if the recipient or sub-recipient had to pay for such items with grant funds, the costs would have been eligible. If third party services are to be used as match, the third-party service provider that will deliver the services must enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) before the grant is executed documenting that the third party will provide such services and value towards the project. HUD requires match letters to be submitted with the e-snaps application and should be included in the application submittal.

Capacity of Applicant (Exhibit 5)

⁹ For instructions on completing an Environmental Review, visit the Orange County CoC FY2025 CoC NOFO webpage, at <https://ceo.oc.gov/fy2025cocnofo>

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Exhibit 5 captures information on the applicant agency's current and relevant experience in providing similar services, operating similar programs and addressing the needs of the target population.

Service Experience and Approach (Exhibit 6)

Exhibit 6 captures information on the applicant agency's service experience and approach. Exhibit 6 includes questions specific to the FY2025 CoC Program NOFO and HUD's priorities.

Integrating Survivors with Lived Expertise, if applicable (Exhibit 7)

Exhibit 7 requests information on how the TH project will involve survivors with lived experience in the decision-making process of project design, implementation and evaluation. Exhibit 7 is only applicable for DV Bonus funding project proposals.

Coordination with Housing and Healthcare Resources, if applicable (Exhibit 8)

HUD emphasizes the need for CoCs to create projects that coordinate with housing providers and healthcare organizations to provide permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing services. Exhibit 8 captures whether the proposed project will leverage housing and healthcare resources. Exhibit 8 is only applicable for TH project proposals.

Housing Resources Leveraging Commitments and Healthcare Resources Leveraging Formal Agreement (Attachments 10 and 11)

Proposed TH projects must demonstrate leveraging of housing and/or healthcare resources through a documented formal commitment. Details are included below.

Leveraging Housing Resources: Proposed projects leveraging housing resources must demonstrate utilization of subsidized housing units not funded through the CoC or Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs. Subsidized housing units may be funded through any of the following sources:

- Private organizations;
- State or local government, including through the use of HOME funding
- Public Housing Agencies, including through the use of a general or limited preference;
- Faith-based organizations; or
- Federal programs other than the CoC or ESG programs.

The project must demonstrate that these housing units will provide at least 25 percent of the units included in the project. Proposed TH projects must attach letters of commitment, contracts, or other formal written documents that demonstrate the number of units being provided to support the project, as part of **Attachment 10**.

Leveraging Healthcare Resources: Proposed projects leveraging healthcare resources must demonstrate utilization of healthcare resources to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Sources of health care resources include:

- Direct contributions from a public or private health insurance provider to the project (e.g., Medicaid), and
- Provision of health care services by a private or public organization (e.g., Ryan White funded organization) tailored to the program participants of the project.

Eligibility for the project must comply with HUD program and fair housing requirements and cannot be restricted by the eligibility requirements of the health care service provider.

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The project **must demonstrate a written commitment** from a health care organization that:

- i. in the case of a substance use disorder treatment or recovery services, it will provide access to treatment or recovery services for all program participants who qualify for services; or
- ii. in the case of healthcare or behavioral health resources, the value of assistance being provided is at least an amount that is equivalent to 25 percent of the funding being requested for the project, which will be covered by the healthcare organization.

Acceptable forms of commitment are formal written agreements and must include:

- value of the commitment, and
- dates the healthcare resources will be provided.

In-kind resources must be valued at the local rates consistent with the amount paid for services not supported by grant funds. Proposed TH projects **must attach** letters of commitment, contracts, or other formal written documents that demonstrate the healthcare resources, as part of **Attachment 11**.

Recovery and Supportive Service Requirements (Exhibit 9)

Exhibit 9 assesses how the proposed project(s) approach supportive service provision, specifically for substance use treatment, and the agency's ability to comply with requirements listed within the FY2025 CoC Program NOFO. Note, questions are categorized by project component, based on HUD's request

Supportive Services Agreement, if applicable (Attachment 12)

Attachment 12 is only applicable to TH project components. The Attachment must demonstrate that the proposed TH project will require program participants to take part in supportive services (e.g., case management, life skills, substance use treatment) in line with 24 CFR 578.75(h) by attaching a supportive services agreement (contract, occupancy agreement, lease or equivalent).

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TIMELINE AND DUE DATES*

***NOTE: DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

Please review the key dates and deadlines of the FY2025 RFP for CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Projects – TH and SSO:

Activity	Dates
HUD released FY2025 CoC Program NOFO	November 13, 2025
Request for Proposals (RFP) for New Projects to be Released – CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation – Transitional Housing (TH) and Supportive Services Only (SSO)	December 3, 2025
RFP for CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Projects Overview Webinar <ul style="list-style-type: none">Zoom Meeting Link: Click hereMeeting ID: 997 8507 7111Passcode: coc2025	December 4, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. PT
Technical Assistance Office Hours via Microsoft Teams – Session 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Teams Meeting Link: Click hereMeeting ID: 284 359 501 916 62Passcode: 5E4yL72zJoin by Phone: +1 949-543-0845Phone Conference ID: 704 434 505#	December 5, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.
Technical Assistance Office Hours via Microsoft Teams – Session 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">Teams Meeting Link: Click hereMeeting ID: 276 448 012 056 46Passcode: j2iY6tL3Join by Phone: +1 949-543-0845Phone Conference ID: 775 182 452#	December 8, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.
HUD withdrew the FY2025 CoC Program NOFO with a statement on the intent to release a modified NOFO.	December 8, 2025
HUD released the modified FY2025 CoC Program NOFO for public review.	December 19, 2025
Question and Answer Period Ends	December 12, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. PT
Deadline for Agencies to submit proposals in response to FY2025 RFP for CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Projects – TH and SSO to the County's Office of Care Coordination	January 2, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. PT
Deadline for the County's Office of Care Coordination to notify all agencies concerned regarding project acceptance, rejection, or reduction by the Orange County CoC	January 13, 2026
HUD submission deadline for FY2025 CoC Program NOFO for “normal track”	January 28, 2026

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SUBMISSION

It is the sole responsibility of the Agency to ensure that delivery is made prior to the due date and time. The FY2025 RFP for CoC Bonus, DV Bonus and Reallocation Projects – TH and SSO including all Exhibits and Attachments must be submitted by 12:00 p.m. PDT on January 2, 2026, via Dropbox, using the following instructions.

Option 1: Share files via Dropbox link to the following email addresses:

1. CareCoordination@ceo.oc.gov
2. felicia.boehringer@ceo.oc.gov
3. jasmin.miranda@ceo.oc.gov

Option 2: Copy the Dropbox link to the files and paste it into an email to the above email addresses.

RIGHT OF ORANGE COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE TO WAIVE IRREGULARITIES

The Orange County Continuum of Care reserves the right to:

1. Withdraw this solicitation at any time without prior notice and, furthermore, makes no representation that any contract occurs and that funds will be awarded by HUD to any respondent to this solicitation.
2. Waive any irregularities in the RFP process and reject any and all submissions not in the best interest of the Continuum of Care.
3. Request additional information and material. In addition, the application from HUD may require and warrant the request of supplemental material.
4. Not renew grants that have exhibited serious capacity issues in prior grants, including performance and financial problems, HMIS participation, or unresolved monitoring issues, or based on the best interest of the entire CoC Application. HUD will review applications and make the final funding decision.
5. Retain all submitted applications for a period of at least three hundred sixty-five (365) calendar days from the closing date and time of receipt. Selection or rejection of an application does not affect these rights.

FURTHER QUESTIONS AND ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The County of Orange is available to answer questions on the Request for Proposals, application deadlines, process, training, or to provide copies of application materials. For further questions or technical assistance, the Office of Care Coordination at CareCoordination@ceo.oc.gov and Carbon Copy (Cc) Felicia Boehringer (felicia.boehringer@ceo.oc.gov) and Jasmin Miranda (jasmin.miranda@ceo.oc.gov).

Specific questions regarding your HUD grant amount, HUD guidelines etc. should be directed to your local HUD field office representative. **Please DO NOT contact the HUD office regarding Orange County's local application deadlines or process**, as the County of Orange is available to answer those questions.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Agencies will be required to comply with terms set forth by the CoC and HUD. In addition, all applicants are strongly advised to review all applicable terms, conditions, and federal requirements. It is strongly recommended that you obtain, and review information related to the CoC Program, the CoC Interim Rule, and the HEARTH Act Regulations, along with any other related documents prior to completion of this Letter of Intent. In addition, HUD will provide updates via their website at <https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/community-coc>.